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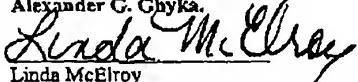
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 12, 2003

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the written restriction requirement dated November 12, 2003.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the above-identified application.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions:

Invention I: Claims 16-20; and

Invention II: Claims 1-15.

Election is hereby made of Invention I (Claims 16-20). This election is made with traverse.

It is believed that the election is timely made by applicant and therefore no fee is due.

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Any questions regarding this matter may be directed to applicants below identified representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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